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Enthusiastic A's supporters **Bruce Quan, Judy Belcher, Dick Street, Sue (Bingham) Pate, Tom/Cheryl LaMarre, Gay Parker** and neighbor, *Maki, Cynthia (Young) Harelson, Barbara (Uhlig) Harbidge, Dan/Sandy Wightman and Rick/Cathy Steen* enjoyed an evening at the Coliseum. They were joined by **Doug Harelson, Randy Silver and George/Carol (Vierra) Szymkiewicz**, their son and grandson as well as **Paul and Sue (Telford) Smith**.

**Fentons (Fairfield) Don and Wendy Rabbe** inaugurated the event attended by the **LaMarres, Roger and Diane Kientz, Jeanne Toothman, Tom Stallard, Judy Belcher and Bruce Quan**.



WOW! Sure sounds like a wonderful time...sure wish I could be there with you all!!!  
**Dick 'the skull' Johns**

The Vacaville Fenton's is much closer to me, but this time I will be on my way home from vacation. **Susie Carlson**

I like those Sonoma County proposals. Add Hand Line in Sebastopol—the old Foster's

Freeze repurposed into a Baja/Alta coastal California cuisine with free soft-serve as a nod to it's history. <http://www.handline.com>



Or, *if* someone buys it soon (it was recently closed due to death of owner): Guerneville's Pee Wee Golf and Arcade. A place where I can, finally, be competitive with Gary (and walk to from home).  
**Mike Marcum**

**Next official Kasper's Day will be Aug 13; Tom LaMarre is organizing a Fenton's(Oakland) Day for August 20, so rsvp to [tdtom7@aol.com](mailto:tdtom7@aol.com)**

**Nancy (Brick) Robinson** demonstrates an essential skill for retirement:

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Nancy attended the 7.9 Kaspers along with **Barbara (Uhlig) Harbidge, Melissa (Silverman) Willaby, Cynthia (Young) Harelson, Richard Clarke, Gay Parker, Bruce Quan, and the LaMarres,**



Maureen/Sue



Jay Goodrich

It was a subdued Birthday Party on 7.23 but **Jay Goodrich** won the prize for the longest commute and thus the honor of blowing out the candles. Ironically, he also had the closest actual birth date (July 18) of those in attendance including **the LaMarres, Gary Sommer, Maureen Sarment, Cynthia (Young) Harelson, Barbara (Uhlig) Harbidge,** ice cream purveyor **Mildred (Caldwell) Swafford, Don Schnarr, Bruce Quan, Susan (Bingham) Pate,** Emmy (Johnson) Fearn '65, and a guest star swoop through by **Richard Clarke.**

Others lunching at Kaspers included a St. Jarleths/OHS grad of '57 and a Sequoia/BH/OHS grad of '73 (accompanied by her 91 yr old mother). They loved that we do this.

### **My story of the day**

Y'all will chortle at this.....when I wrote down what I wanted on the cake, the clerk's eyes got wide and she said, "You can write! (and said it was beautiful)". We are really into the generation that doesn't know cursive.

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### **55th Reunion**

**Still waiting on those who have received (and read) this to acknowledge so we know we have correct contact info.**

**And absolutely, no one, nobody, nada persona, has penned a reflection to date.**

Other notes:

*Unable to. Will be busy with the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and the Marine Corps League (MCL) during that period of time. At your service and thank you. David Walker*

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Checking in. I will try and make next year's reunion. Just back from Chicken, AK (no wi-fi) In Dawson City, Yukon till Sept. Always think I'll make a Kaspers meeting, but . . . **Jackie Sorel**

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For many years I used a PO box address because I had been the lawyer for the sheriff of Sacramento County and before that involved in juvenile neglect and abuse cases and criminal cases, and while I was happy to talk with people at my office, I wanted my home life private. Right now a PO box is still the best address for me because I am completely remodeling my home, basically making it all new (except for the concrete foundation and some bedrooms) and though I go by twice a day every day, nobody is living there. I was already busy doing work every Monday for my church and every Wednesday for legal aid, mostly helping seniors (many of them younger than me). There are things I miss about my Skyline days, particularly living in the central valley semi-desert rather than the Oakland Hills, but life is plenty busy with good things -including occasional get togethers with my cousins, **Tom (Stallard)** being the one I see most often. **Jim Wright**

Unknown whether I'll make , but would like to if it works out. **Peter Ramos**

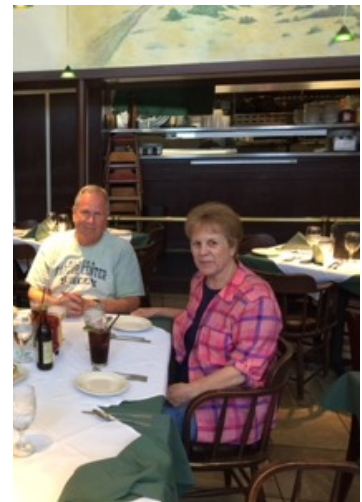
I won't make the August 2019 reunion. My husband and I will be on a 52nd anniversary trip. :) :) **Nancy Oier Randall**

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Those from afar planning to attend may consider, in addition to a block of rooms at a hotel TBD, that one of the big new businesses in Oakland is short term house/room rentals (one on each side of me alone) all over the hills. Additionally, many classmates are “empty nesters” and now have rooms also.

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Congratulations on 50th Anniversary to **Doug and Susan (Nicholson) Wood** whose plans for a Yosemite retreat celebration ended in an early morning evacuation.....so they drove to Oakland for a quick lunch with **Milly (Caldwell) Swafford** and **Cynthia (Young) Harelson** and then to Stockton for dinner with Doug’s brother. Now that’s a day to remember!



Pat Whitechat  
Global Luxury Specialist

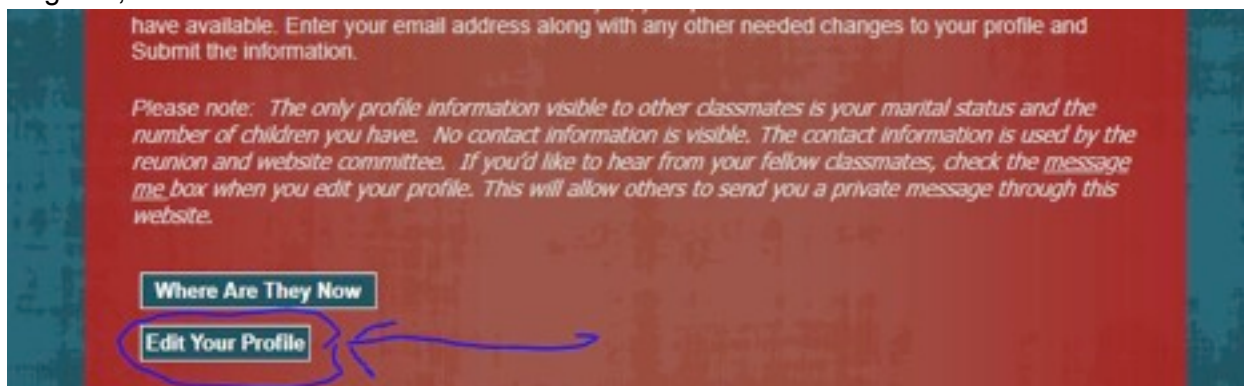
**Pat Jenkins Whitechat**

**And from our IT maven, Carol (Vierra) Szymkiewicz to those having trouble updating their profiles at [www.skyline64reunion.com](http://www.skyline64reunion.com):**

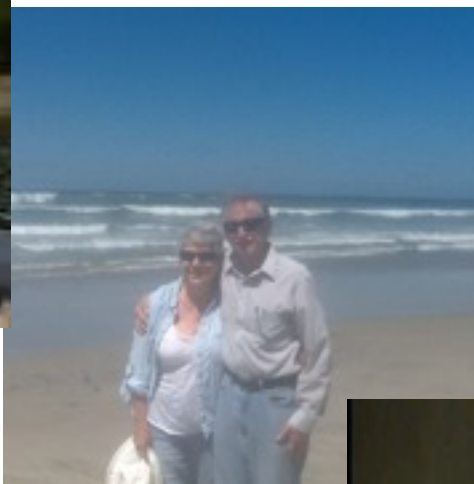
Please look at attached picture. Half way down the “Classmates” page is a Edit Profile button. This will allow you to log in to your profile.

Please let me know if this does not work for you.

Regards, Carol



**A very natty Phil Rocco**



**Geri Sanford and hubby**

**from Ben Haywood:** My beautiful sister, Reita.Dalethes (Haywood)... family home, Montclair 1971 photo..... forever missed



*And a collective group hug to Dennis Osanna whose Wendy has walked on.*

## Birthdays

Am still correcting list, so HB to July 31 Nick Blackshere.

### August

- 03 Dick Johns  
Rene Dokos Rores  
Richard Ott
- 04 Tim Allen  
David Schendel
- 07 Bruce Quan
- 08 Joan Burkhart Gielow
- 12 Bob Main
- 14 John Rochios
- 15 Niles Powell  
Doug Wood
- 17 Shayne Del Cohen  
Frank Vendetti
- 18 Marilyn Hope  
Susan Louise
- 20 Cathy Freel Bellinghausen  
Mike Marcum
- 21 Maureen Sarment  
Ken McCracken
- 23 Gary Hill
- 25 Bob Falaschi
- 26 Janet Streb Greenwood
- 27 Donna Jenkins
- 28 DeeAna McLemore
- 29 Katheen Hender Catanho
- 30 Donna Jenkins  
Roxanne Vallis
- 31 Bob Blesse  
Lynne Beitelspacher Head

*“There is a fountain of youth: it is your mind, your talents, the creativity you bring to your life and the lives of people you love. When you learn to tap this source, you will truly have defeated age”.*

– Sophia Loren

*“A man is like a novel: until the very last page you don’t know how it will end. Otherwise it wouldn’t even be worth reading.”*

– Yevgeny Zamyatin



*posters sent  
by Gay  
Parker*

**I want to be like a  
caterpillar.  
Eat a lot.  
Sleep for a while.  
Wake up beautiful.**

**Some days I amaze  
myself.**

**Other days,  
I look for my  
phone while I'm  
holding it.**

## September

Carol LaDolce Donato  
Margaret Rait Muat-Jones  
Virginia Keller  
Larry Day  
Bill Dye

- 06 Jack Brennemann  
Steven Daniel  
04 Michael B. Myers  
07 Sharyn Carroll  
Dave Pierce  
08 James Morgan  
09 Tom Cherry  
11 Marsha Haner Johnson  
13 Phil Rocco  
14 Tom Lamarre  
Lee Ann Jackson McFaddin  
16 Donna Goeppert Knobbe  
17 Richelle Lieberman  
Willard Newman II  
Dennis Ossanna  
Neal John Evans  
21 Terrence Robert Monohan  
22 Barbara Lauck Johns  
Terry Sanzo  
Larry Woods  
23 Pam Quigley Barnes  
24 John Herrera  
Bob Barklow  
26 Roger Sexton  
27 Jessamine Gibbs Gadsby  
Skip Nofte  
28 John Ballinger  
Sue Telford Smith  
Donald Schnarr  
30 Dave McCord

**A Police Officer  
came to my house  
and asked me where  
I was between 5 & 6.  
He seemed irritated  
when I answered:  
"Kindergarten"**



People born in the 50's have lived in 7 decades, 2 centuries & 2 millenniums. We had the best music, fastest cars, Drive-in theaters, soda fountains & happy days. And we are not even that old yet, we're just that cool.



As As the sender remarked, "Hmmm something's wrong here; I've never had that middle stage"!

"Life Goes So Fast"  
**'Remember yesterday  
and Dream about tomorrow;  
But live for today!' How  
quickly the years pass!!**

– [America’s workforce is aging](#) . In the last 12 months, over 255,000 Americans 85 or older were working. That’s 4.4% of Americans that age, the highest number on record. Older workers are still quite valuable. Witness Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who’s 85. Or 87-year-old Rupert Murdoch, Warren Buffett, George Soros and Toni Morrison. Meanwhile, workers 30 and younger are staying out of the job market at rates not seen since the 1960s and 1970s. (Washington Post)

– A six-figure salary may sound like a dream job to most, but not if you live in Silicon Valley. A recent report by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development has shown that [making less than 117,400 dollars a year is considered low-income, and anything under 73,300 dollars is impoverished](#) for a place like San Francisco. Talent will leave San Francisco and it is inevitable that other cities will quickly grow as tech hubs as talent and capital become less concentrated in the Bay Area. (BBC)

**From The Chabot Science Center: Helping to Expand our Impact**

We are always astonished by the work our [Galaxy Explorers](#) undertake here at the Center. From running programs and teaching cool science exhibits to setting up telescopes and displaying amazing things to view in the sky. We also want to share some of the amazing work this awesome team has accomplished this year to help extend the Center's impact outside the Bay Area. Visit the Center and help us show our appreciation and give them a high five or say thanks for all their hard work.

**Suitcase #815** was one of two Solar Suitcases installed in May at Rabwao Secondary School, located in the Nyanza District, Kenya. The suitcases will provide light and power for the 280 children and 23 staff at the school. Previously, the school had access to electricity, but suffered outages two to three times a week. The Solar Suitcases will be used to light the classrooms to increase evening and early morning study time, teacher prep time and add much needed security. They will also be used to charge teacher cellphones, laptops and headlamps, important for safety and communication.

The installation was performed by all-female solar installers from the WISEE ([Women In Sustainable Energy and Entrepreneurship](#)) team. WISEE empowers women in design, installation and dissemination of clean and efficient energy technologies and serves to foster entrepreneurship among women in the sustainable energy field across Kenya.

**New Native Plant Garden at Crown Beach**

The District opened a new native plant demonstration garden at Crown Beach in Alameda to highlight water conservation and how native plants are naturally drought tolerant and require little water once established. The demonstration garden was created by converting a water-thirsty lawn into a garden of native water-saving plants. The garden includes native perennials that provide color year-around, are low-maintenance, and support birds, butterflies, and bees. The project was partially funded by the East Bay Municipal Utility District through a \$15,000 grant from their WaterSmart Garden Grant Program.

“The East Bay Regional Park District leads in the battle to protect our environment and fight climate change,” said East Bay Regional Park District Ward 4 Board Director Ellen Corbett. “The native plant demonstration garden at Crown Beach gives us another opportunity to share our innovation and provide examples to our neighbors on how they also can make a difference.”

The garden provides important information for park visitors on how to use native plants, conserve water, and provide for a more water-efficient home. [Learn More](#)

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## How's Your Trails Challenge Going?

Summer is a great time to try out East Bay Regional Park District trails through the annual Trails Challenge, a self-guided hiking program designed to help you explore Regional Parks and keep fit outdoors. Trail challenges are separated into categories of difficulty: easy, moderate, and challenging. Download Your [Trails Challenge Guidebook](#) today!

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### **Oakland in Their Bones, and in Their Films - The New York Times**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/07/11/movies/blindspotting-oakland-daveed-diggs.html?hp&action=click&pgtype=Homepage&clickSource=story-heading&module=second-column-region@ion=top-news&WT.nav=top-news>

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### **RETARDED GRANDPARENTS** (actually reported by a teacher)

After Christmas, a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent their holiday away from school.

One child wrote the following:

We always used to spend the holidays with Grandma and Grandpa. They used to live in a big brick house but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Batemans Bay where everyone lives in nice little houses, and so they don't have to mow the grass anymore!

They ride around on their bicycles and scooters and wear name tags because they don't know who they are anymore. They go to a building called a wreck centre, but they must have got it fixed because it is all okay now.

They do exercises there, but they don't do them very well. There is a swimming pool too, but they all jump up and down in it with hats on.

At their gate, there is a doll house with a little old man sitting in it. He watches all day so nobody can escape. Sometimes they sneak out, and go cruising in their golf carts!

Nobody there cooks, they just eat out. And, they eat the same thing every night - early birds. Some of the people can't get out past the man in the doll house.

The ones who do get out, bring food back to the wrecked centre for pot luck. My Grandma says that Grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and says I should work hard so I can be retarded someday too.

When I earn my retardment, I want to be the man in the doll house. Then I will let people out, so they can visit their grandchildren.

PRICELESS!

Remember to send this to all your "retarded grandparent" friends and give them a laugh, too!  
ENJOY LIFE NOW...IT HAS AN EXPIRATION DATE!

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**Gull(iver)'s travels:** Sometimes science gives you an incredible breakthrough in computing or medicine, and sometimes it gives you a detailed path of [how one seagull rode a truck across some of the Bay Area's most congested highways](#) to get a meal at a trash dump 40 miles inland.

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### **[Four Bears Find Their Forever Home](#)**

On May 25, 2018, four orphaned bear cubs — two grizzlies and two brown bears — arrived at the **Oakland Zoo**, where they'll spend their days in a new 2.5-acre natural habitat made just for them. They traveled more than 3,000 miles from Anchorage, Alaska, on a FedEx Express jet as part of the FedEx Cares Delivering for Good initiative. [Follow their journey](#)

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### **Oakland Zoo Opens Landmark Conservation Effort: The California Trail**

The Oakland Zoo, now a subsidiary of the Conservation Society of California and on whose board of directors Bay Area Council CEO Jim Wunderman served, opened the highly anticipated California Trail yesterday (July 12). Zoo President and CEO Dr. Joel Parrott called the project “a ray of light in a depressing time,” referencing the many challenges in the struggle to protect and preserve wildlife and their natural environment. Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf, who once served as a volunteer at the zoo in her youth, joined Parrott in cutting the ribbon officially opening the trail to the public.

With stunning views, conservation classrooms, and a unique safari-like environment, the trail encourages guests to explore California’s natural past, present and future. The \$85 million project broke ground three years ago but has been in the making for more than two decades. At 56 acres, the trail has more than doubled the size of the zoo, making it one of the largest in the country. It is home to eight native California animal species, including a jaguar, grizzly bears, bald eagles, gray wolves and free range American bison. Most of the animals have been rescued by the zoo, including the bears who were set to be euthanized until the zoo stepped in. “This is about inspiring people to connect with our state’s remarkable biodiversity and learn how to live with wildlife so we can protect their futures,” Dr. Parrot said to an excited crowd of supporters.

Other features of the California Trail include a Swiss Alpine gondola, play zones for children inspired by ecological zones of the native species, and the interactive Clorox Overnight Experience campground. Dr. Parrott gave special thanks to Bay Area Council member Kaiser Permanente for funding construction of the Kaiser Permanente Visitors Center, allowing guests to take a break from the trail to enjoy the incredible views and cuisine in the top floor restaurant The Landing Café.

For more information about the Conservation Society of California/Oakland Zoo please visit their website at [www.oaklandzoo.org](http://www.oaklandzoo.org).

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### **[2018 USRowing Masters at Lake Merritt](#)**

Lake Merritt, often referred to as the "Crown Jewel" of Oakland has snagged a wider net of admirers! The prestigious U.S. Rowing organization has recently named Lake Merritt as the destination to house its Masters National Championship in 2018 & 2020. Oakland has hosted other water sports in the past, but this event is land-marked to be the largest.

With a strong sports community actively utilizing its spaces, Oakland Parks, Recreation & Youth Development boasts Lake Merritt as being the most visited and utilized outdoor space in the city for families and singles, alike. Historically, Lake Merritt was the first National Wildlife Refuge developed in the late 1800's. It also served as a resort of sorts for wealthy San Franciscans to get away from hectic city-life. Presently, the park and its surrounding area offer a harmonious environment of beautiful nature and urban conveniences all rolled into one.

Want to reserve a spot around the lake for your next event? Visit us online at [Rentals and Reservations](#).

The poster features the Oakland Parks & Recreation logo and the Children's Fairyland logo. The event title "FAIRYLAND 4GROWNUPS" is prominently displayed in a colorful font. The dates "AUG. 17, 2018 | 7-10P" and the location "600 BELLEVUE AVE. OAKLAND, CA" are provided. A large, stylized graphic of three cartoonish characters (a yellow one with a wide smile, a blue one with large eyes, and a pink one) is shown. The text "Tickets On Sale Now!" is written in a large, white, cursive font. At the bottom, a hand is shown holding several blue tickets with the event details. A "BUY NOW" button is located at the bottom center.

The advertisement features the title "STOMPERTOWN" in a bold, green, sans-serif font, with "BY SIRRON NORRIS" in a smaller font below it. Two black t-shirts are shown, each with a colorful graphic of a cityscape with a red building and a yellow sign. A green "SHOP NOW" button is located at the bottom center.

This advertisement shows a close-up of a black t-shirt with a vibrant, stylized cityscape graphic. The graphic includes a red building with a yellow sign that says "GRAND LAKE THEATRE". A green "SHOP NOW" button is located at the bottom center.

- Forget weekend trips with the grandkids. Bay Area museums have [some amazing nighttime events to offer](#).

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**Public invited to tour Transbay Transit Center | Hoodline**

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**Hello Fellow Titan Alum,**

My name is Sean Kohles, I am spearheading an alumni association at Skyline. I inherited a document that had a leading member from each class (multiple people in some cases). You are receiving this email because you were the contact person noted on the list.

If you are, great!! We are trying to get in contact with AS MANY former Titans as possible. A duty of this role is being able to spread information to folks. You can keep a class directory, use social media, its up to you! If you talk to anyone who you feel should be a contact member for their class as well please let me know and I will add them. If you feel as you are not able to fill this role (or this is an incorrect email) also let me know and we will work to find someone else.

Our goal is to raise \$20,000 by August 31 of this year. We are asking that each class participates. This works out to be a little over \$370 per class. Some classes might not be able to raise that (especially newer alumni), but other classes should be able to raise more. Checks can be written to "Skyline High School" with "Alumni Association."

Our plan for this money is to evenly distribute it among the 48 clubs and sports teams on campus. Our overall goal is to have the clubs write up budgets for their school year / season and the alumni association will set out to raise that much each year. I will be in contact over the next few months about how this is going to work. We have many plans in the works but to make sure we get this going as soon as possible we are trying to affect change this year. We will be sending out a summary of what the teams and clubs accomplished in June / July of 2019.

If you have any questions or concerns please email me.

Thank you all and GOOOOOOOO Titans!

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Head Coach Track & Field and Cross Country Skyline High School 12250 Skyline Blvd  
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***I acknowledged his letter and he added:***

I appreciate you including my note to your class. If any of them want to take a bigger role (come to meetings, help organize) let me know and I can support them with that.

Thanks! Sean Kohles

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